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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile is entirely consistent with SeniorNet's mission to provide older adults education about and access to computer technologies. SeniorNet wholeheartedly believes today's technologies possess the capability to enhance the lives of America's seniors, better enabling them to share their knowledge and wisdom. We encourage the Federal Communications Commission to consider approving this transaction to ensure that the interests of seniors across America are served.

Until recently, SeniorNet provided computer and Internet education for older adults and seniors solely using wired broadband technologies. But now, with the rapid advancement of wireless broadband technologies, greater numbers of older adults and seniors are turning to their mobile devices for online education and telemedicine services.

The AT&T and T-Mobile merger will help facilitate greater adoption of wireless broadband technology in the senior community because of the substantial service improvements that will result from this transaction. It is SeniorNet's understanding that the merger will make possible the rollout of advanced 4G LTE wireless service: service that is faster, more reliable, and allows for the real-time interaction that makes applications such as online education and telemedicine more powerful and user-friendly.

SeniorNet is also encouraged to learn that this merger will make 4G LTE wireless service available to tens of millions of additional Americans. This expanded access to 4G LTE will enable older adults and seniors to engage in online education, remote telemedicine, and online video-conferencing all from a pocket-sized mobile device. Not only will older adults and seniors be able to engage in these activities, but they will do so over high-speed networks that will make the applications easier to use and more responsive.

In our opinion, the main benefits of the AT&T and T-Mobile merger are the service improvements and greater availability of 4G LTE wireless service. Combined, these benefits will aid SeniorNet in its educational efforts, connecting America's seniors to high-speed wireless service that promises more reliable real-time applications.

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As the shift from wired to wireless broadband continues to accelerate, we at SeniorNet wish to stay on the cutting edge of this revolution. By expressing our support for the approval of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, we hope to advance the goals of older adults and seniors who wish to learn, teach, and lead healthy and productive lives.

This merge deserves careful consideration from the FCC. SeniorNet trusts that you will weigh the benefits and determine this merger to be in the public interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Alger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Alger".

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Director of Operations

